Letters to the Editor

Man disappointed in new park mortars

Dear Editor:

While attending the Carbondale Memorial Day exerciese and dedication of the newly-installed mortars I was reminded of the two huge cannons of Civil War vintage that so long were features of the park.

During World War II these priceless relics were , in a burst of patriotic fervor, cut up and donated to a scrap drive.

As the exercise progressed, I glanced up at the figure of the soldier atop the Civil War monument. I'm sure that I detected a tear coursing down his cheek. His thoughts must have been of the priceless treasures, souvenirs of the conflict in which he and his comrades fought, over which he had stood watch for so many years.

Your fear needs no excuse, faithful sentinel. When one thinks of the two historic treasurers which you guarded for so many years, and then looks at the two sorry substitutes over which you must now watch, the reason for your tear is apparent. It's an ignominious duty that has been thrust upon you; standing guard over two short lengths of gas pipe!

Cy Grosvenor

Editor's Note: In last weeks issue we ran a nostalgia picture of one of the Civil War cannons Mr. Grosvenor refers to.